

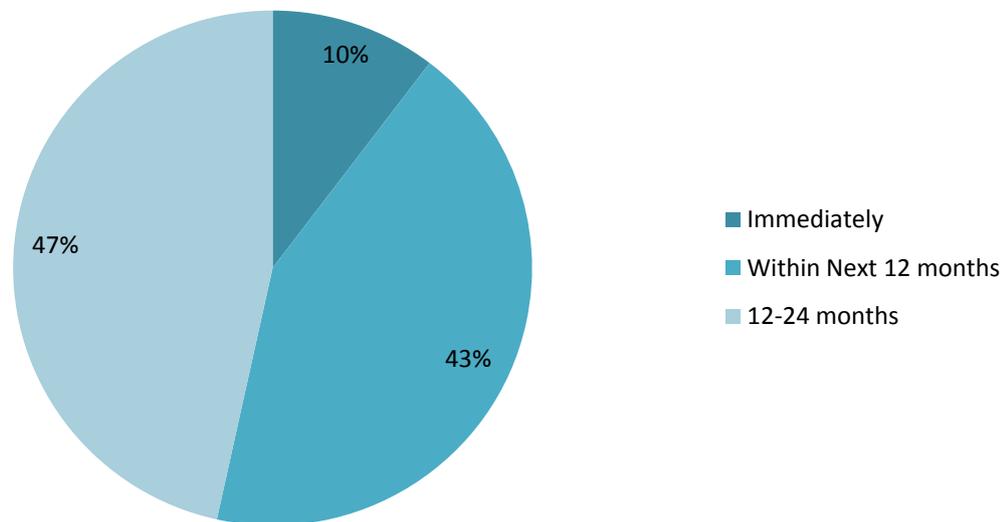
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Preqin Launches Free Indicative Secondaries Portfolio Valuation Service as 11% of Private Equity LPs Currently Look to Sell

In the first 5 months of 2009 Preqin has interviewed a total of 568 institutional investors in private equity as to their interest in the secondary market, and their expected timeframe for activity in the market.

Although a significant 11% of institutions (excluding fund of funds) have indicated to us that they will be selling fund interests on the secondary market, the expected timeframe for these planned secondary sales to take place is currently much longer than many may have expected. (Fig. 1)

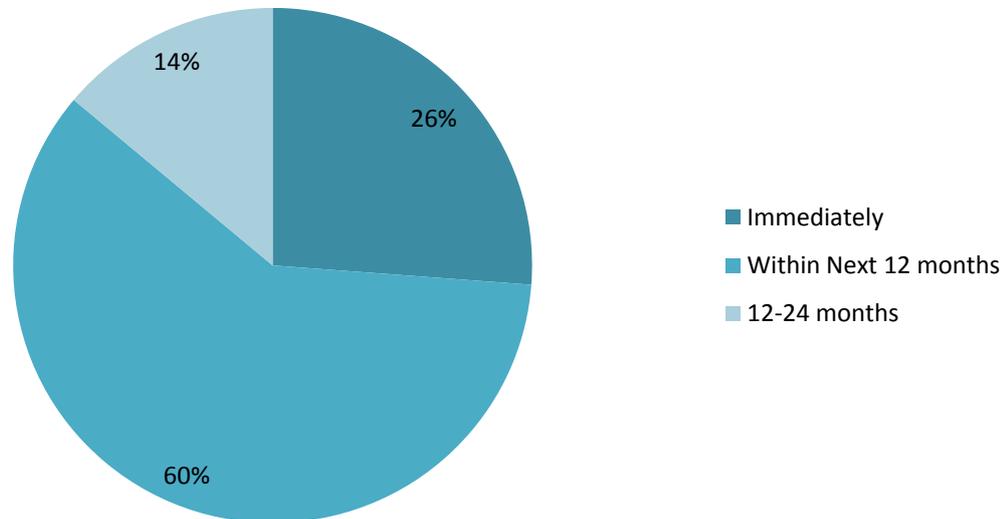
Fig. 1: Planned Timeframe for LPs Selling on Secondary Market



Only 10% of those investors wishing to sell are looking to do so immediately, 43% are looking to sell in the next 12 months, and the biggest proportion, 47%, plan to sell within 12 – 24 month's time.

The reluctance to sell is certainly not due to any lack of interest on the buying side. Indications show that the number of potential buyers is outnumbering the potential sellers, with 48% of active private equity investors stating a potential interest in buying on the secondary market in the next two years. As Fig 2 shows, these buyers are much more keen to purchase interests in the next twelve months than those selling funds.

Fig. 2: Planned Timeframe for LPs Buying on Secondary Market



There is clearly a significant potential for activity on the secondary market, but potential sellers are being put off by the gulf between asking prices and NAVs. As a result, many potential buyers and sellers are staying out of the market, and others plan to enter into it only once prices have stabilized and achieved a more harmonious equilibrium between asking prices and NAVs. Only those with an extremely distressed portfolio will be willing to exit investments at today's prices.

What Can be Done to Move the Market Forwards?

One of the key factors we have encountered during our discussions with investors has been the lack of clear, readily available information on pricing for secondary transactions. Although reports of funds changing hands at massive discounts to NAV are true, there have also been transactions occurring at much more satisfactory levels for sellers. As a result, many investors remain uncertain as to the best course of action for their planned secondaries sales.

One of the major issues for investors considering selling has been the expense and time involved. Gauging interest in funds on the secondary market can be a complex and lengthy process, and many investors have informed us that they would rather keep their identities private during the 'feeling out the market' initial stage.

Preqin's Secondary Market Monitor: Solutions for LPs Interested in Selling

Preqin is today announcing the launch of its newest online service, the Secondary Market Monitor. This service gives accredited investors a free indicative valuation on their private equity portfolios. Price indications are given on a completely anonymous basis, with valuations based on Preqin's proprietary algorithms combining data from its unique Performance Analyst database, listed private equity discounts, and information from latest transactions in the market. If the seller wishes to proceed their portfolio can be presented to potential buyers and advisors for their indications on likely price levels, including a guaranteed price indication from leading secondary specialists NYPPEX.

All of this is done completely confidentially: the LP gets all of this information without disclosing their identity.

The Buyers and Advisors giving price indications benefit from getting their price indication and contact details in front of motivated sellers.

For more information on Preqin's Secondary Market Monitor, please visit: www.preqin.com/secondaries

Comment:

The secondary market can be a daunting prospect for many investors, and we are launching this new service to simplify and streamline the whole process of buying and selling on the secondary market. This new service gives investors the chance to quickly, accurately and discreetly assess the market value of their holdings, in addition to providing them with access to a pool of highly experienced potential buyers if they do decide to consider selling. The industry has been crying out for a service like this, and we believe that the **Preqin Secondary Market Monitor** will give sellers and buyers alike the confidence to accurately assess the secondary market without all the associated red tape.

Mark O'Hare, Managing Director, Preqin

Comment:

We believe Preqin's **Secondary Market Monitor** will set a new standard for participants in the secondary private markets.

Laurence G Allen, Managing Member, NYPPEX

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Preqin has built a reputation in the alternative assets industry for providing the most comprehensive and extensive information possible. Leading alternative assets professionals from around the world rely on Preqin's services daily, and its data and statistics are regularly quoted by the financial press.

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Note to Editors:

- Please note that Preqin has completely replaced Private Equity Intelligence as the official company name.
- Preqin is spelled without the letter 'U' after the 'Q'.

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